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Subject.

Made of publication of the proceedings of the Municipal Commission, C & M Station

Previous References.

Later References.

Reference to Jemmah's recent
anger with the Bangalore
Daily Post about their Reports
of municipal meetings & speeches,
& Mr Babington's retort:—
Is there anything in the Bangalore
Municipal Act or Rules about
the publication of municipal
proceedings in such manner as
the Govt may direct?

15/5/19

Please

Para 2 ante

Please see section 31 of the Bangalore Municipal Law.

P.V. Krishnaswamy

21.5.29.

Has any Resdt ever directed that any method of publication shall be adopted ?

22.5.29

Para 4.

No.

P.V. Krishnaswamy

27.5.29.

31.5.29.

At Bangalore, 2/6

I do like to know what the Resident (or Public Servants) think of the exact meaning of "publish" in 131 & for obligation to do so.

12/6

Para 7 ante.

(8) U.O.
These notes may be sent to the President, Municipal Commission, C and M Station, Bangalore, for favour of compliance.

P.V. Krishnaswamy.
(9) 13.6.29.

Yes.

10/6/6

(10) To The President, Municipal Commission, C and M Station, Bangalore, U.O.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
Register No. 2149
Date of receipt 24/7/29
Order No.

U.O. No. 5235
20-6-29.

MUNICIPAL OFFICE
24 JUN 1929
49 T. 40/29 P.P.

(11) I attach a clear note from the Vice President on this matter with which I fully agree.

No. PL. 40/29 dt 22/7/29
P.P

Geryett
14.7.29

Secy. to C.

24/7/29

(12) Please see from para 7 ante.
Submitted.

P.V. Krishnaswamy
27.7.29.

(13) 29/7/29
No action need be taken ?

Secretary

Resdt. 6.8.29

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Section 31 of the Bangalore Municipal Law requires that the minutes of the proceedings at each meeting are to 1) be drawn up and recorded in a book 2) signed by the -- Chairman 3) be published in such manner as the Resident may direct and 4) be open to inspection.

The obligation which rests on the Municipality is only to publish in such manner as the Resident may direct and not 'to publish' so that in the absence of a direction there is no duty cast on the Municipality to cause the publication of the minutes.

From the wording of the Section the minutes contemplated are evidently the whole of the proceedings of the meeting as recorded in the book, which includes the speeches, and the word 'minutes' is used in contradiction to 'Resolutions'.

There is no statutory duty cast on the Resident to prescribe the mode of publication and he need not necessarily order publication in any particular manner if he finds that there is sufficient publication as it is.

Publication implies the bringing of the matter to the knowledge of the public. As a matter of fact the purpose of the Section is served as at present the Daily Post publishes the Resolutions in its news columns. The Section itself gives any person interested in the matter the right to look into the record maintained in the Municipal Office.

The feasible ways of publishing, if it is considered necessary, through the medium of the Residency Orders or The Daily Post. Publication in the Residency Orders would serve no useful purpose as its circulation is very limited. It would be very expensive if it is through the advertisement columns of the 'Daily Post' and would also be belated as it

takes some time to prepare the full proceedings.

Publication of the full proceedings has very obvious disadvantages which it is not necessary to dilate upon.

The Madras City Municipal Act casts no duty on the Corporation to publish its proceedings.

As no action under the Section has been taken so far by the Resident and as the amendment of the Law is impending in which the Madras City Municipal Act is followed, it is for the Resident's consideration as to whether there is any necessity to move in the matter at present.

Subbarayan Prakasa

18.7.29

(14) Mr Sangster's note is very clear

" I am much obliged to him for it.

(15) I think we may take it that

by making the minutes "open to

inspection by any inhabitant at all

reasonable times & without charge"

we are "publishing" them within

the legal sense of that word.

(16) If this is so, the answer to

Mr Jermiah (should he carry out his

threat to raise the question in the

Comm^n) is in our hands.

(17) The only question now is: whether it

advisable for a formal "direction"

in the above sense to be made by us?

Will Coll^r please note on this?

5/5/14.

To the Collector and President, Municipal Commission,

Civil

Civil and Military Station, Bangalore, U.O.

U.O. No. 6836
Dt. 8th August, 1929.

(3)

Since the matter was mooted by Messrs Jeremiah & Rajagopal some months back, no further reference has been made to publication; either in the Commission, or to me personally and I do not think the question is likely to crop up again. In these circumstances I doubt if any formal direction from the Resident is now necessary, especially as such direction would not alter the existing practice.

If however the matter might be allowed to drop, action being taken as suggested by the Resident should it be revived.

Secretary to.

(19)

As proposed by Collector ?

Resdt. 12.8.29

(20)

I spoke to Mr Cooke about this & he agreed on the above line.

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12 8/29

U. O. Note No. 2742/29, dated the 27th August, 1929, from the President, Municipal Commission, C & M Station, Bangalore.

The reply which is proposed to be sent to the President, The Bangalore Rate Payers' Association, seems to be suitable, ~~Except that it is perhaps somewhat strongly worded.~~

Submitted.

Secretary

Can Sir Cook add a statement that the B.R.P.A. is misinformed in stating that the Resident has ordered the publication of the minute in the Mysore Gazette against the wishes of the B.M.C.?

m/o No 7496 dt - 31st August 1929

Collector & President

(23)

I think Mr Reader has misinterpreted slightly the request in para 3 (b) of the letter. The Association asks me to move the Hon'ble Mr Reader to take action under Sec 31(b). Mr Reader to take action does not imply that he has agreed to orders for publication. I have added a few words in my draft, in this point.

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4/9/29

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(2)

Sd/-
3.9.29.

No. Gl. 40/29 dt. 3-9-29.

P.P.

Secretary to

Govt

3/9/29

1st 4/9/1929

(24) Please see paras 22 and 23 of office notes.

Submitted.

C.R. Srikantiadyer
5/9/29

Sd/- 5.9.29

Secretary

(25) Refer para 23 of the letter. At one time I also thought that this interpretation was to be placed on the B.R.P.A.'s letter in para 3 (b). But then I noticed that the wording was such the President, Coimbatore Corpn should cause the minutes to

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Sd/- 5/9/29

published under the orders of the Resident etc. etc. ~~not~~ that he should now the Resident to direct them to be published etc. etc.

From this I gathered that the Association believed that I had already directed the publication which it only remained for the Resident of the Coorg to carry the direction into effect.

Anyway, the draft reply to the B.R.A. will probably stir them up to further action.

I have added a few minor alterations to the draft in pencil.

We should keep a copy of the B.R.A. letter & the reply as finally issued.

5/9/25

Para 25 of notes ante.

(H) (26) A copy of the letter from the President, the Bangalore Rate Payers' Association, to the President, Municipal Commission, has been kept.

The papers may be sent U.O. to the President, Municipal Commission, C & M Station, Bangalore, with the request that he will kindly furnish a copy of the reply finally issued to the President, B.R.P.A.

Re 25 ante

Re.o. 7689
2-5-29

MUNICIPAL OFFICE
Qc. 40/29
9 SEP 1929

CKSrikantia Aper.
9/9/29

To
The S.R.Co

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
BANGALORE.
Register No. 8952
Date of Receipt 13/9/29.
File No.

(27) Returned with a copy of the reply finally issued to the President, B.R.P.A.

Qc.40/29 & 11/9/29

Flg X

P.M.C.

11/9.

(28) Please see paras 26 and 27 of notes.

Submitted for information.

CKSrikantia Aper.
14/9/29

Secretary

23.9.29

Secretary's remarks on the Daily Post dated the 14th May 1929:-

"Please cut out Mr. Jeremiah's letter at p 2 and Editorial note and mark up any further letter from him."

(Id) G.L
15/5/29.

(Id) W.O.S.
16/5

Letters to the Editor.

(The Editor does not undertake responsibility for the opinions expressed by Correspondents.)

Wanted, An Engineer.

SIR—Will you please allow me a small space in your columns to make a few remarks on your editorial which appeared in your issue of Friday the 10th instant, entitled "Why not"? In fairness to the gentleman who is standing for election to the Municipal Commission, No. 1 Division, I would like to say that he consented to stand at the request of several gentlemen who are aware of his public services in Calcutta, and who considered that he would be an acquisition to the local board, as he was a nominated member of the Calcutta Corporation, which is a body of pre-eminence in the methods of Local Self-Government and had Mr. Traise not been considered worthy of merit the Hon. Minister-in-charge of Local Self-Government would not have nominated him to serve on the Government Committees for Housing and Communications. I advocate his election, because he is a retired Engineer of the Public Works Department and has had special experience in sanitary works and the construction and maintenance of hospitals; therefore his advice and opinion would at least open the eyes of the Commissioners of the C. and M. Station. Have the public of Bangalore any idea as to why the Russell Market leaked so very badly for nearly a year? Have the public any idea of the numerous alterations that have been made to the Isolation Hospital that is under construction on the Old Madras Road? Have the public any idea as to why the underground drainage from the Good Shepherd Convent and Baldwin Girls' School has been held up, though the estimate was rushed through for the immediate execution of the work? Let the public wait awhile, and see what a professional engineer thinks of the Shoolay market. To begin with it is many feet lower than Oossoor Road, the musjid on the south, and the road and houses on the west and north. The plea will be that the Market Committee and the Commission approved of the plans and measurements, but as I have repeatedly remarked that all the elected Commissioners are laymen and accept anything that the Executive Engineer says or does as correct, we are led, as I remarked at the last Municipal meeting, as sheep to the slaughter, and we are dumb, not being professionals. For these reasons I consider that an engineer is very badly wanted on the Commission and one with sanitary housing and communication experience would be an invaluable asset. Sentimental reasons do not arise, and should be put beyond consideration. The only and main object to be considered by all voters is whether it is not in their best interests as rate-payers to return as their representative a man of considerable experience in civic and social work and one who has had a long career in a profession which renders him eminently suitable for a seat on the Council.

G. GEO. JEREMIAH.

Bangalore, 14-5-29.

To the Editor,
The "Daily Post."

We were not aware of the candidate's identity, and we grant most, if not quite all of our correspondent's premises. But surely all this is somewhat irregular. Our "Why Not" was primarily intended to mean "why not women Municipal Commissioners, here as elsewhere," although we own that we further advanced the plea that our correspondent in the connection was, in our opinion a worthy candidate. Nevertheless, we wrote chiefly from an abstract point of view. As already said we admit the force of many of Mr. Jeremiah's arguments but it has not, hitherto, been the custom to mention a candidate by name and advance his qualifications in the public press. It seems to us that a dangerous precedent is likely to be created. (Ed.)

THE DAILY POST.

(FOUNDED 1873.)

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 10.

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And Why Not ?

And why not? For quite a long time past there have been letters arriving in this office concerning possible lady Municipal Commissioners—or "Commissionaires"—or whatever you call a lady who shoulders Municipal responsibilities. Moderate, modest and quiet as we have ever tried to be, we have said "no" to our fair correspondents (with thanks) and to more letters than we care to remember. And *that* "look you", as Mr. Lloyd George would say, takes a bit of doing! If we have had one letter in this office regarding feminine Municipal representation we have had scores, and each and every one of our lady correspondents is something less than polite to the Municipal Commission as at present constituted! Were we to reproduce the letters in question—but like UNCLE REMUS, we have "done has speunce."

A specific proposition has, however, now reached us. (Will all Municipal Commissioners please take note—in case of possible trouble, that this article has no connection whatever with certain slight friction—not worth talking about—which has recently occurred between this newspaper and the City Fathers of the C. and M. Station Municipality. Incidental in its original nature, that puny incident is so far as we are concerned over and done with). But not so where the fair sex are concerned! Heavens! We did not think, at our advanced period of life that so many ladies would have condescended to know that we existed; but *they do*. As witness the following—wild horses should not pull names from us:—

DEAR MR. BABINGTON,—Will you be so very kind as to help me all you can through your paper to get me on to the Municipal Commission. The election is to take place next July. This is the first time the franchise has been granted to ladies, and . . . . . "WHY NOT PUT A LADY ON AND SEE WHAT SHE CAN DO"? (Why not, indeed!) (Ed.) As far as the ratepayers are concerned a woman is of much more use than a man. (Cheers and counter-cheers.) (Ed.) Will you please say all you can; something more than I have said that you think will help me? I will be so much obliged to you, and will thank you very nicely!! I have got several votes already, but there is a gentleman fighting me but up to now I have beaten him for votes. He is a *Calcutta* gentleman we don't want Calcutta men; but one who is living in Bangalore, and especially in the DIVISION he (or in this case) she is living in and applying for. (Bang goes *our* vote—all the time—if its in our Division.)

Thanking you very much in anticipation. I am the daughter of . . . . . (We are very well aware whose daughter you are, and we know further, that *no man* has done more yeoman service for Bangalore ratepayers than your father has done, and that throughout a long bit. (Ed.)

Again, WHY NOT? If the present Municipal Commissioners had any idea of the numbers of letters which reach this office from the feminine sex on this subject they might be usefully, if not agreeably enlightened. Far be it from us to say that the Municipal Commission as at present constituted is not the acme of perfection, *but*—the ladies are coming along in Bangalore as elsewhere, and they WILL be heard. And why in the name of fortune should we *not* have lady Municipal Commissioners. They are certainly extant in Mysore, and, we believe, elsewhere in India. (Why not here?

Surely we are greatly daring to brave the wrath of the City Fathers in such a connection! But after all is said and done we have *the ladies* on our side, and when they enter the arena we have fairly strong backing! What the ladies who have written to us say is that, (spinsters and widows or wives,) they pay taxes and that they have a right to be represented, not through a mere man but through one of their own sex. And who shall say them nay? Certainly not the Editor of this newspaper. That the City Fathers of the C. and M. Station may resent the proposed influx of City Mothers we can quite believe. But whether a lady or two—aye! even comparatively young ladies in these days—might not make for great good on the Municipal Commission is more than we care to assert. The modern lady—especially when she has lived just long enough to "weigh things up", is an eminently useful citizen.

Merits Of Municipal Candidates.

We have already explained, in footnotes to certain letters which appear in our correspondence columns, that it was partly through inadvertence and partly under a misapprehension that discussion of the above subject has been permitted. We have consistently set our face against such discussion, as being quite out of place in the public press. Candidates should do their own canvassing; it is always open to them to place their views and intentions, as well as their qualifications before the ratepayers they desire to represent and, if they consider it neccessary and advisable, there is nothing, so far as we are aware, to prevent them from calling meetings of the voters of the Divisions in question and delivering addresses. But in this particular connection, the public press as a medium of eulogy or argument is clearly out of place, and that for several reasons. The first, and most obvious is that the Editor of a newspaper may himself be a voter in the Division under reference, and he may be inclined to give extra weight to the claims of one or the other of the candidates, which would tend to prejudice the chances of the one he did not favour.

This, in itself, is so serious an objection as to be practically conclusive, but there are others. One of these is that arguments carried on *viva voce* are all very well — they can be emphasised, amplified, prolonged and, if necessary, repeated. Those who are interested can listen to them: those who are not so interested need not do so. But when it comes to argument — and especially comparison of merits — in a public newspaper and by way of the pen, letter is answered by letter, fresh points are raised, undue space both from the Editor's and the ordinary reader's point of view is occupied and, in addition to all these undesirabilities, correspondents not infrequently begin to be rude to each other. The whole point of the matter is that while *abstract discussion* is permissible, *personalities* are not, and it was in the abstract sense that our article of the 10th instant was intended. We are publishing two final letters in the connection to-day, because they seemed to us under all the circumstances to be necessary, but the correspondence must now immediately cease. Incidentally—and as a *general principle*, readers will please carefully note—we cordially agree that the presence of two or three men with technical knowledge of engineering, &c., on a Municipal Commission is most desirable, but we do not look upon it as necessary that *all* Commissioners should posses such knowledge. What *is* required of them first of all, is *intelligence, activity*, and *individuality*, combined with the courage of their opinions. They should be independent thinkers and fearless speakers; not merely passive conceders of points which may arise.

Letters to the Editor.

(The Editor does not undertake responsibility for the opinions expressed by Correspondents.)

Municipal Election Candidates.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—It was with a smile that I read your correspondent's letter (G. Geo. Jeremiah) in your last night's issue. It is to be hoped that Mr. Traise will feel flattered by the way in which Mr. Jeremiah advocates his candidature. But would it not be more manly for Mr. Jeremiah to allow the candidate to fight his own battle, instead of standing as his god-father? Other Municipalities in India, as well as in England, have lady Commissioners; "why not Bangalore"? If Mr. Jeremiah is so anxious that his friend should serve on the Commission, why does he not resign his own seat on the Commission in his favour, instead of belittling other candidates,

Yours Faithfully,
M. WEBSTER.

15-5-29.

To the Editor,
The "Daily Post."

As we have also remarked in reference to the letter which follows, this correspondence cannot continue. We blame ourselves for permitting it to be begun, but as already explained, our object in the brief article which appeared in our issue of the 10th instant was to emphasise that, in our opinion, there was no objection to lady Municipal Commissioners *from an abstract point of view*. So soon as *personalities* develop, then comes trouble. We may add that, in the first instance we did not clearly understand the situation. However, we have tried to sum the matter up as briefly as possible in our leader columns. (Ed.)

"Wanted An Engineer."

II

Bangalore, May 15.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Reference the article in your issue dated 14th instant under the above heading. The undersigned is in entire agreement with the suggestion that the Municipal Commission, C. and M. Station, Bangalore, should be made up of men (or women) who have a sound practical knowledge combined with experience of Engineering in all its branches. The question then arises, have women this experience??

Before the last general election, it was remarked that the new Commission should consist of members suited for the work required of them, and not of laymen, simply to make up the number. It is not essential that a Commissioner should be a local man of long residence, but a man with knowledge.

Reference Mr. Jeremiah's remark on the ground level of the new Shooley Market, it would be interesting to know why the Russell Market floor was not raised level with the main entrance. While on the subject of building, can any one tell us why the three wells (Baldwin Girls School, Lower Tannery Road and the Municipal Store Yard) fell in some two or three years ago, while wells sunk privately are still standing and yield an excellent water supply??

MUTTON STALLS IN THE RUSSELL MARKET.

There are I am told two stamps; a square one for sheeps' flesh and a round one for goats' flesh and it was suggested to the Acting Market Superintendent early in April, and again to the Health Officer, early in May, that the stamp should be stamped on the flesh itself, and not on separate pieces of skin fats, as this skin fat can afterwards be wrapped round any flesh and the object of having different stamps is defeated, but so far no improvement is noticed. Why is the meat itself not stamped, or what is the reason of having two stamps? We must wait and see what the new mutton stalls will be like.

A. E. BLANEY.
(A late Municipal Commissioner of another station.)

To The Editor
"The Daily Post".

The second allusion is useful. With the first subject referred to we have dealt elsewhere. We would point out, however, that this correspondence concerning Municipal candidates and their merits cannot continue. Independently of other objections, it would probably lead to embittered controversy, and might well become interminable. (Ed).

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The Bangalore Rate-Payers' Association.

An ordinary meeting of the Bangalore Rate Payers' Association was held at St. Rock's Girls' School in the compound of St. Francis Xavier's Church, St. John's Hill, Bangalore, at 8-30 e. m, on Saturday the 10th August 1929.

Present:—Mr. C Ramaswami Mudaliar, President; Mr. W. J. Pryke, Vice-President, Messrs. R. E. Peazold, S. J. J. Garson, Abdul Latheef Sahib, Abdul Aziz Siddiqi, C. Balasundaram Mudaliar, P. L. DeSantos, G. G. Jeremiah, A. O. Rainford, J. T. Lever, and Reverend D. Jacob, members of the Committee; Mr. R. Venkataswamy Naidu Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, also Messrs J. Reynold, R. G. Boyd and W. H. Perkins members.

Visitors:—Messrs Mahamad Gayban and Gulam Dasthegir Khan.

Read notice convening the meeting.

Confirmed the minutes of last meeting.

Passed accounts for July 1929.

Read and considered Mr. G. G. Jermiah's letter of 8-7-29 suggesting that the Association should obtain a copy of the judgment in the Ulsoor murder case. The proposal was, after a sharp discussion, negatived by a large majority.

Read letter No. 5878-180-A-1914 of 9th July 1929 from the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, stating that the question of providing relief for the congested areas in the Station has not ceased to occupy the earnest consideration of successive Residents of many years, but that the Honourable the Resident is not yet satisfied, however, that the best method by which the problem can be faced is by approaching the Government of India for a special grant for the purpose. Resolved to record the letter.

Read and considered Mr. G. G. Jeremiah's letter dated 28th July 1929 regarding the manner in which proceedings of Municipal meetings are published in newspapers.

Resolved, after a long and sharp discussion, to inform the President, Municipal Commission, of the widespread discontent there is in the matter, and to request that Officer (a) to arrange through the Municipal Official reporter, should he see no objection thereto, for full copies of the recorded minutes of proceedings of each meeting of the Commission to be kindly furnished then and there to the Editor of the *Daily Post*, to facilitate matters, and (b) to also cause such minutes to be regularly published in the Mysore Residency Orders (the Official Gazette for the Station) under the orders of the Honourable the Resident, agreeably to Section 31 of the Bangalore Municipal Law 1897, which enjoins the publication of the minutes in such manner as the Resident may direct.

Bangalore Daily Post
Sunday Aug 13th 1929.

It is interesting to see that Mr Jeremiah, after dropping the matter in the Municipal Comm^n. can still action via the R.P.A.

This cutting may be placed on the office file re "publication".

15/8/29.

H. O.
14 1,000—27—7—1929.

No.

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

DATED September 1929.

From

G. H. COOKE ESQ., M. C. I. C. S.,
President, Municipal Commission;
C. & M. Station, BANGALORE.

To

The President,
The Bangalore Rate Payers' Association,
217, Chicka Bazaar road, Bangalore.

SIR,

Subject:- Publication of the proceedings of Municipal Meetings - Your letter dated the 16th August 1929.

I have the honour to say that I regret that it is quite impossible for me to supply to the press a copy of the proceedings of meetings of the Commission on the day of the meeting. It would be extremely difficult to supply it within a week, since the notes taken down by the Official reporter take a considerable time to type, and require to be put in proper form before they are submitted for my approval. The proceedings, even after they have received my approval, cannot be said to be authentic, until formally confirmed by the Municipal Commission. I cannot take the responsibility of sending to the press accounts of speeches made by members without their consent, since I might inadvertently misrepresent them and be held liable for mis-statements.

The accounts of the proceedings of the Madras Legislative Council that appear in the press daily are <u>not</u> supplied by the authorities. The newspapers regard the proceedings as news of interest to the Public and take steps to record them. The official proceedings of the Council are published in book form only after considerable delay and after each member has had the opportunity of correcting the report of

P. T. O.

his speeches. Publication of proceedings of meetings after considerable delay would be of little interest to the Public, and would involve the Commission in very considerable expense. Every facility is given to the Press, as regards accommodation at meetings. The resolutions as passed can be contributed to the Press on the day following the meeting, if the Press so desires.

As regards the statement that the proceedings of District Municipalities are published in the District Gazettes, I would point out that only the resolutions, and not detailed records of debates are published and that such publication takes place long after the dates of the meetings.

I do not consider that publication of the propositions and resolutions, passed at Municipal meetings, in the Residency Orders would be of any great interest to the General Public.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd). G. H. Cooke,

President, H. C.

' Copy. '

Secy H. C
11/9.

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I beg to Hand the Resident a few days ago that I would let him see the letter from the Rate Payers Association re publication of proceedings from municipal meetings.

I enclose the letter and a copy of the proposed reply, for the Resident's perusal. I should be grateful to have both back as soon as possible.

Yrs

28/8

Mayor Lock
~~Secretary~~ The Resident. 46

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Office at No.217,
Chick Bazaar, Road,
Civil and Military
Station, Bangalore.

THE BANGALORE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION.

Dated, 15th August, 1929.
16/K

(Registered under Act VII of 1913).

From

The President,
The Bangalore Rate Payers' Association,
B a n g a l o r e.

To

The President,
Municipal Commission,
Civil and Military Station,
B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

Subject:- Publication of proceedings of Municipal meetings.

In pursuance of a resolution passed by my Committee at the ordinary monthly meeting on the 10th August, 1929, I have the honour to address you on the subject cited above, and to request that you will very kindly give it your sympathetic and personal consideration.

2. The position which Mr. G.G. Jeremiah moved at the meeting reads as under:-

"That the President, Municipal Commission, be informed that there is a wide - spread discontent in the Station at the manner in which the Municipal Proceedings are now reported and published in the newspapers. The propositions are distorted, or not reproduced, the debates are not at all reported or even a concise idea given of them. This Association begs to bring this feeling of discontent to the notice of the President, Municipal Commission, so that immediate steps be taken to remedy the affairs".

3. The Committee, after discussing the matter in all its aspects, have resolved to address and request you --

(a) to arrange through the Municipal Official Reporter should

should you see no objection thereto, for full copies of the recorded minutes of proceedings of each meeting of the Commission to be kindly furnished then and there to the Editor of the Daily Post to facilitate matters and (b) to also cause such minutes to be regularly published in the Mysore Residency Orders (the Official Gazette for the Station) under the orders of the Honourable the Resident, agreeably to Section 31(b1) of the Bangalore Municipal Law, 1897, which enjoins the publication of the minutes in such manner as the Resident may direct.

4. The proceedings of the Municipal meetings in the Cities of Bangalore and Mysore (the two important municipalities in the State of Mysore) are regularly published in the Mysore Gazette, and we feel sure that you are doubtless aware, from personal knowledge and experience, that the proceedings of District municipalities in the Presidency of Madras are regularly published in their respective District Gazettes. This Association accordingly feels that it will not only be authentic, but also a great facility to the rate payers of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore if the proceedings of the Station Municipality are similarly published in the Official Gazette of the Station, viz., the Mysore Residency Orders. Should this desire appeal to you as proper and reasonable, I am to solicit the favour of your approaching the Honourable the Resident, moving a proposition yourself in the matter in the Municipal Commission, if needs be, under the special powers vested in you by rule 21 of Bye-Law No.2, Chapter I of the Municipal Bye-Laws.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd/-C.V. Ramaswami
President,
The Bangalore Rate Payers' Association.

"C O P Y"

Major.
REGISTRAR, RESIDENT'S OFFICE.